

**Council on Postsecondary Education
Committee on Equal Opportunities
February 20, 2006**

The Partnership Agreement and The Kentucky Plan

The following information focuses on the Partnership Agreement and the Kentucky Plan activities since the Committee on Equal Opportunities met October 2005.

Partnership Agreement: The U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights agreed to amend the partnership agreement, November 1, 2005, to support a request by Kentucky State University to construct new student housing rather than renovate Young Hall dormitory. A feasibility study has been completed and the university is now designing the new housing facility and anticipates completion and occupancy in 2007. The amendment will fulfill the requirements of Commitment A.2.(a) of the Partnership Agreement.

The U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, Council staff, and KSU representatives conducted a review of Kentucky State University's facilities November 16, 2005, as part of its final review of the status of the partnership.

Statewide Diversity Plan: Issued a request for proposals to conduct a statewide diversity assessment to support the development of a new "Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities or a Diversity Plan."

CPE/KSU Joint Comprehensive Assessment Oversight Committee: The committee will continue to meet quarterly. The next quarterly meeting is March 13, 2006. All meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held at the Council offices in Frankfort.

Governors Minority Student College Preparation Program: The University of Louisville will host the 2006 annual conference of the GMSCPP June 13-14, 2006.

Eastern Kentucky University will host the Academically Proficient African American High School Junior and Senior Conference June 16-17, 2006.

The remaining CEO meeting dates for 2006 are April 17, June 19, August 15, (if needed), and October 16. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. (ET) at the Council offices in Frankfort.